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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

KLAR ET AL.

Examiner: Paul C. Martin

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Group Art Unit: 1655

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Title: PHOSPHOAMIDASE ASSAY

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

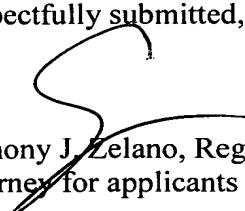
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 3, 2006, applicant elects with traverse Group I. Applicant traverses the Restriction Requirement on the basis that the Examiner has not established that examining all of the claims in the application would constitute a serious burden.

No fee is believed to be due with this response, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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